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House Resolution 745

By: Representative Bryant of the 160th

## **A RESOLUTION**

- 1 Commending Officer Bill Toole of the Garden City Police Department; and for other
- 2 purposes.
- 3 WHEREAS, on the evening of March 16, 2007, the family of the late Felix Johnson
- 4 contacted the Garden City Police Department in order to request their assistance in escorting
- 5 Mr. Johnson's funeral procession on St. Patrick's Day; and
- 6 WHEREAS, with the utmost efficiency and compassion for the grieving family members of
- 7 the late Mr. Johnson, Officer Bill Toole and other officers arrived promptly on the morning
- 8 of March 17 and provided invaluable assistance in escorting the funeral procession
- 9 throughout the course of the day; and
- 10 WHEREAS, despite the increased traffic activity associated with the immensely popular St.
- 11 Patrick's Day festivities of Savannah and Chatham County, the Garden City Police
- 12 Department managed the funeral procession with the highest degree of professionalism,
- despite the short notice; and
- 14 WHEREAS, the actions of the Garden City Police Department proved their commitment to
- 15 "community policing," an attitude towards law enforcement that seeks the maximum level
- of cooperation among police, neighborhood businesses, and members of the community; and
- WHEREAS, as they responded with the utmost sensitivity for the feelings of the family of
- the late Mr. Johnson, Officer Bill Toole and the Garden City Police Department have brought
- 19 honor to the State of Georgia.
- 20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
- 21 the members of this body commend Officer Bill Toole of the Garden City Police Department
- for his outstanding assistance during the funeral procession on St. Patrick's Day, March 17,
- 23 2007, and extend their sincerest best wishes for his future.

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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized

2 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Officer Bill Toole.